Dear Readers,
Welcome to this issue of the NJ Walks and Bikes Newsletter, a bi-weekly service prepared by the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center (NJBPRC). If you would like to learn more about NJBPRC, please visit us here.

Reminder: BPAC meets this week!
NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2015, from 9:30am until noon! The meeting will be held at the Edward J. Bloustein School for Planning and Public Policy, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

Subcommittee meetings will take place from 9:30am to 10:30am, in rooms 261, 253, and 477. The general meeting will take place from 10:30am - noon, in room 261.

As a reminder, the subcommittees are open to everyone. While the general meeting is also open to everyone, the first half is the formal BPAC meeting. Comments/discussion from anyone are welcome during the second half of the general meeting.

Bicycle parking is available in the entrance plaza, and the Bloustein school is a short walk from the New Brunswick New Jersey Transit Rail Station, with service from Trenton, Newark, New York, and Philadelphia.

We look forward to seeing you! To learn more about BPAC, click here!
Bicycling Benchmarking Report Released!
Reviews the current state of bicycle infrastructure, policies, programs, and safety in New Jersey

The New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center is pleased to announce the release of the first ever Bicycling Benchmarking Report for New Jersey. The report provides a comprehensive summary of the bicycle environment at the municipal level throughout the state, using extensive data from 60 municipalities as a baseline.

This benchmarking report highlights many of the benefits that come from the implementation of modern bicycle infrastructure and policies, and will inspire municipalities across New Jersey to critically examine their support of bicycling in comparison with that of their peers.

As the first ever benchmarking report for New Jersey, significant effort was undertaken to bring transparency to information previously only available within municipal halls. Sixty municipalities were surveyed to catalog their level of spending on bicycling, their bicycle policies, and their implementation of programs such as Safe Routes to Schools and Complete Streets, among many other bicycle related metrics.

You may have seen news of this report on NJ.com, or in one of a dozen local papers. If you haven't seen the report for yourself, please check it out on our website!

NJDOT Releases Three New Bike Tours
Celebrating Bike Month

In celebration of Bike Month, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) released three new bicycle tours. These new tours, one in Jersey City and Hoboken, one in Gloucester County, and one through the Columbia Trail in Hunterdon and Morris counties are all around 15 miles in length. Each was created with the ability to sync to a user's smartphone or GPS in order to track progress and see nearby attractions.

To learn more about the new tours, continue reading the article here or access the tours on on NJDOT's website.
Summer Events

Find Activities in South, North and Central New Jersey

The summertime beckons bicyclists, especially after a winter as long and cold as this past season. New Jersey is replete with events in June, July and August that will bathe cyclists in warm weather, sun and smiles. We've put together a list of upcoming bicycle related events!

Teaching Kids About Bike Safety

Bike Fun Fest, South Amboy, NJ

South Amboy, NJ hosted its first Bike Fun Fest on May 26, 2015 at the Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center. BPRC's Ambassadors in Motion, Keep Middlesex Moving, community members, and Venetian volunteers all assisted in teaching children how to ride safely this
summer. There were even bicycle tune ups provided by Xtremz Bike Shop. Guests also participated in bike decorating contests, a moon bounce, sand art, crafts, and a firetruck tour.

To learn more about the event, continue reading the article here.

Complete Streets in New Jersey
An up-to-date list of Complete Street Policies in New Jersey

There are currently 116 municipalities and 7 counties with Complete Streets policies in NJ, with Moorestown in Burlington County being the most recent addition. This brings the total NJ population living in municipalities with Complete Streets policies to over 3 million people or 36.99% of the population. Essex County leads the way with 14 municipalities having adopted policies, followed by Bergen County (13) and Mercer County (12). Salem and Passaic Counties remain the only counties without any municipal Complete Streets policies.

To access the most up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, please click here.
The top 100 neighborhoods for bicycle commuting have a 21% mode share

Streetsblog.org - June 5th

New Jersey works to improve bike-friendly rating

Press of Atlantic City - June 1st

Study projects road diet would result in 19-percent collision reduction on Bloomfield Avenue

NorthJersey.com - June 4th

What are the 10 best N.J. towns to ride a bike in?

NJ.com - June 4th

Ruse on the Loose: Commute to Florham Park better by bike

Daily Record - May 31st

For more local NJ bike/ped headlines, national news, opinion pieces, and the crash report, click here!